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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Movimiento Democratico Cristiano

(Christian Democratic Movement)

Job #

64-664/89

File #

19-120-13

Volumes:

Dates included: Mar 60 - Dec 63

Description:

A Cuban revolutionary group.

Findings:

U.S. Embassy, Havana, Cuba, Foreign Service Despatch #1614 dated & May 1960: 1698

The Revolutionary Government has skillfully maneuvered Rolando CUBELA, the President of the FEU, and his pro-Communist cohorts into a position of power. First, on May 7, it was CUBELA who was given the task of inciting the mob and bruiting the fact

that the powers-that-be disapproved of Aurelaino SANCHEZ Arango. Communist 'goon-squad' tactics had become so vicious that even many students who had heretofore been circumspectly apolitical are afraid to attend classes. The Vice Secretary of the School of Agronomy asked how it was that if the CUBELA leadership so deplored violence that it had remained impassive in the face of the physical violence perpetrated against his person by members of the Communist Youth from the Instituto de la Habana, who had entered the University grounds completely armed. CUBELA and Angel QUEVEDO, went about the campus carrying arms, in direct violation of the University regulations.

Attachment:

LAD/JFK Task Force

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